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Home Department

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Read the following:

I. G.O.Ms.No.3902, (Home),dated the 27th September 1949.
II. From the Govenment of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Circular No.PIA. 180, dated the 6th November 1949.

Forwarded.

(Circular No.PIA. 180 dated the 6th November, 1949 with one spare copy)

ENTRY OF INDIVIDUALS INTO JAPAN TO VISIT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

Reference this Ministry's circular No.PIA 167/PV 94 dated the 19th September 1949.

2.Visists to Japan to see friends and relatives are now permitted if the persons to be visitied were residents of Japan prior to December 1941. A copy of the latest instructions on the subject, together with the form of application (obtainable from a Commercial carrier or travel agency operating between India and Japan)is forwarded herewith for information and guidance.

3. Others who desire to visit Japan and who do not come within the scope of this circular are still subject to the instructions issued earlier by this Ministry.

PROCEDURE RELATING TO THE ENTRY OF INDIVIDUALS TO VISIT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

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1. a. Prospective visitors to Japan will make application to a commercial carrier or travel agency for entry into Japan to visit relatives or friends giving the necessary information and making necessary guarantees as shown on the application form.

b. The Commercial carrier will forward the application to the Japanese Government for consideration.

2. a. Upon receipt of the application, the Japanese Government will contact the prospective host to determine:

(1) That the host desires to have said relatives or friends visit him;

(2) That ~~he~~ the host has adequate accommodations available for his visitors.

(b). When the Japanese Government has received assurances that the conditions outlined in para 2(a) above have been fulfilled, the Japanese Government will notify the supreme Commander for the Allied Powers that it has no objection to entry into Japan of the visitor. Information will include the name, nationality, method of travel, port of entry, proposed dates of the visit, and the name, address and nationality of the host.

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c. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will notify the Japanese Government offinal approval for entry into Japan of the prospective guests, at which time the Japanese Government will notify the commercial carrier and the Commanding General, Eighth United States Army that clearance for entry Japan has been granted. Notification to Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, will include details as outlined in para b above.

d. It will be the responsibility of the commercial carrier to notify the guest of the approval of his applicatio to enter Japan.

3. Upon receipt of notification of the approval of his application, the visitor may apply for his passport (and in the case of United States citizens, a military permit) and arrange for transportation by a commercial carrier to Japan. Appropriate authorities have been notified that the approval on the application constitutes approval from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for the issuance of a passpor and a military permit for entry into Japan in the case of Americal citizens and is considered sufficient clearance for the entry into Japan of other than American citizens.

4. Upon arrival at port of debarkation in Japan, the visitor will file proof of his arrangements for departure from Japan with the Japanese Government representative. Appropirate notation will be made in the visitor's passport to indicate his tourist status.

5. The commercial carrier will then place the visitor in charge of a properly designated agent of the Japanese Government who will.

a. insure that the visitor arranges to notify his diplomatic or consular representative in Japan of his arrival and his address in Japan. This may be done by letter or postal card;

b. furnish transportation to a bank licensed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for operation in Japan to effect any conversions or deposits of currency necessary. The only currency which subject visitors will be allowed to possess while in Japan is Japanese you obt obtained at the military conversion rate. Those visitors authorised to purchase food at the Overseas Supply Store wi temporarily possess foreign trade payment certificates in the amounts necessary to effect these purchases (Fifty dollars (50.00) for each fifteen (15) day period or fraction thereof, of stay in Japan.)

c. make arrangements for the purchase from the Overseas Supply Store of food supplies if visitor has not import the necessary food.

d. make necessary arrangements for the onward travel of the visitor to the home of the host. If layover is neces ary prior to departure from the port of entry, the Japanese Government agency is responsible for locating necessary housing for any overnight stay involved.

6. Visitor will complete his visit and return to the port of embarkation in such time as to depart within sixty (60) days after his arrival in Japan. The visitor will not be permitted to convert you into other currencies upon departure.

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO JAPAN
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VISITING RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

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Section I.

General Instructions.

1. Upon satisfactory fulfilment and acceptance of the conditions hereinafter outlines, individuals may be authorized to enter Japan to visit relatives or friends who are Japanese nationals or who are foreign nationals and were residents of Japan prior to December 1941.

2. The application from below may be secured from a travel agency and forwarded through a commercial travel firm to the Japanese Government. Approval or disapproval of the application will be forwarded to the applicant by the commercial travel agency after decision by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

Section II Application Date ;.....

1. a. Full name.
   b. Place and date of birth:
   c. Citizenship (if naturalied, date, place of naturalisation and previous citizenship):
   d. Present occupation, including name of organisation with which employed, if applicable:
   e. Name and address of prospective host in Japan
   f. Description of any prior periods of residence in Japan.
   g. Desired length of stay:
   h. Point of origin outside Japan:
   i. Number, date of issuance date of expiration of passport and issuing authority (if individual does not possess passport at time form is filed out, this information will be entered by representatives of Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, upon arrival in Japan):

2. I hereby agree to the following conditions which are prescribed for visitors entering Japan for the purpose of visiting relatives or friends.

a. While in Japan I will be subject to all rules and regulations promulgated by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and subordinate commanders and in addition will be subject to Japanese law. In the event I violate the above mentioned rules, regulations or laws while in Japan, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers may order trial by Japanese court or by occupation force provest court, as the facts of the case may warrant. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers reserv the right to terminate my stay in Japan under this programme at any time prior to the authorixed date of expiry.

b. I will ~~not~~ not be authorised use of any occupation force facilities while in Japan.

c. I will be required to use Japanese medical facilities if injured or if ill.

d. I will provide myself with sufficient food so that I will be completely self sufficient during my stay in Japan and will not require purchase of Japanese rationed food. To insure this, I will bring into Japan the following which is for th personal use of my self and my relatives or friends, and will not be sold or traded:

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(1) A maximum of three hundred (300 pounds for a period of sixty (60) days (this is based on the standard United States Army ration for Japan).

(2) I will not include more than one package of cigarettes per day of stay in Japan.

e. As an alternate to the above, but not in addition to it, upon arrival in Japan I will purchase from the Overseas Supply Store in Japan fifty dollars (50.00) worth of food for each fifteen - day period of stay or fraction thereof I understand that such food will be in bulk fifty dollar ($ 50.00) units and will be ~~ap~~ paid for with foreign Trade Payment Certificates purchased by negotiable instruments in dollars or pounds sterling credits, i.e. travellers' check, money order, certified check, or casher's check.

f. I understand that my-stay in Japan is limited to sixty (60) days and extensions will not be authorized.

g. During my stay in Japan I will not be authorized to engage in business or to conduct commercial operations, negotiations, transactions, or enter into commercial contracts of any nature except with the express approval of the Supreme Commander for the allied Powers. Engaging in such transactions without approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will be cause for immediate termination of my visit.

h. I understand that importation into Japan or exportation from Japan of any of the following is strictly forbidden.

(1) Gold or silver coin, gold, silver or platinum bullion or alloy thereof in bullion form and ~~XXXXXX~~ other precious metals and precious stones except personal jewellery worn or carried in personal baggage accompanying the owner.

(2) Counterfiet, altered or imitation coins.

(3) Bank of Japan yen currencies and foreign currencies. Foreign currencies are not permitted to be used within japan. All persons entering Japan are therefore required to surrender all foreign currencies at the port of entry. United States dollar ~~currencies~~ currencies surrendered will be treated as follows in accordance with the instructions of the individua concerned.

(a) Exchanged for Japanese Yen by the Bank of Japan

(b) Placed in the Bank of Japan for safe keeping to be returned on the departure from Japan of the individual concerned.

( ) Deposited by the Bank of Japan to the account of the individual concerned in a foreign ~~Bnk~~ bank licensed to maintain a branch office in Japan.

All other currencies surrendered will be held at the Bank of Japan for safekeeping against individual receipt to be returned to the individual concenned on departure from Japan.

(4) Any book, pamphlet, paper, writing, advertiseme circular, print, picture or drawing, containing any matter advocating or urging treason or insurrention against any Government.

(5) Any item of a ponographic nature.

(6) Any narcotic drug or utensil used therefor.

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(7) Weapons of any nature, gun powder and other explosive except that ammunition for hunting purposes may be entered in a reasonable amount for personal use.

(8) National treasures of any country and important are objects.

(9) Articles which infringe upon rights in patents, utility models trade marks, and copyrights.

i. I will be permitted to bring into Japan only sufficient clothing and personal effects for my personal use while in Japan.

j. I have seen and understand the customs declaration form which I will be required to fill in upon entry into and exis from Japan.

k. Upon my arrival in Japan I will present to appropriat officials of the Japanese Government written evidence that I possess :

(1) A return ticket to my point of origin.
(2) A reservation with a commercial carrier for departure from Japan within sixty (60) days of date of entry.
(3) A passport, entry permit or passport (or similar travel document) and visa currently valid for entry into country other than Japan.

l. The fact that I am a retired member of the United States Armed Forces will not be cause for alteration of any of the foregoing conditions or extension of any of the privileges no mally authorized me by applicable United States Armed Forces regulations.

m. In the event I marry or adopt children while in Japan under this programme, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers makes no gurantees that said spouse or children will be permitted to depart from Japan. Their entry into any other country is subject to the laws of that country and the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will not intervene on behalf of such individuals or transmit or endorse their request to other countries nor will I be permitted to remain in Japan beyond the expiration date of my permit because of such marriage or adoption.

n. Upon arrival in Japan I will:

(1) If I am not importing my food as outlined in paragrap 2(d) above, immediately purchase Foreign Trade Payment Certificates in the amount of fifty dollars ($ 50.00) for each fifteen (15) day period of stay or fraction thereof.

(2) Exchange at least fifty dollars ($ 50.00) per month of stay for Japanese yen currency to care for my indigenous needs: such currency will not be reconvertible to foreign exchange upon departure.

(For children under sixteen years of age, above requirements may be reduced by one-half.)

(3) In understand that if I am unable to comply with the provisions of paragraph 2k and 2n upon my arrival in Japan, I will not be permitted entry into Japan.

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(4) Commercial carrier will notify me of the approval by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers of this application. Such notification by the Commercial carrier will be sufficient for me:

a. To enter Japan if I am not a United States citizen.

b. To apply to the Nearest United States State Department representative for a military permit for entry into Japan if I am a United States citizen.

SIGNATURE.

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N.B. The Japanese Government is authorized to charge each visitor entering Japan in accordance with the procedure outlines above, a maximum of one thousand yen (y 1,000) for services rendered by the Japan Travel Bureau.

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" Collector of Chingleput
" District Magistrates of the remaining districts
Copy to the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, C.I.D., Madras.

Forwarded /By order.

Sd/ Superintendent.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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